

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 8-10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- ~~EP-A-1 280 176~~ EP-A-1 208 176 describes a process for the production of weather resistant powder coatings by using powder coating compositions based on certain polyester resins and curing by NIR radiation.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 8, lines 4-5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- **Figure 2** (attached) Surface after curing with filter  
(wavelength ~~>1800 nm~~ <1800 nm).--